GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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INSTITUTE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHIKDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up more institutes for imparting educational training to mentally retarded children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the time by which these institutes are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a, b & c) There are six Apex Level Institutions, specializing in different areas ofdisability, including the National Institute for Mentally Handicapped at Secunderabad. These institutes provide long term training, model rehabilitation services and undertake research in their respective areas of specialization. The Government has also recently established the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral palsy, mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities, with the prime objective of promoting the development, safeguarding the interest and upholding the rights of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities and their families. The Governmenthas also initiated setting up of five Composite regional Centres which inter alia will provide services, research and training in all the areas of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities including special education of children with disabilities. Through its Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Personas with Disabilities,the Government also supports NGOs to set up special schools for children including mentally retarded children and to integrate them in normal schools.